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1. IN ADDITION TO PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL, MISSION CALLS ATTENTION TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 6 OF G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. PARA 3 OF DRAFT APPEARS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN HAND OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES THEREBY WEAKENING HAND OF SYG AND HIS PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVES IN UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE. IF SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS TO BE EXPLICITLY GRANTED TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WE CAN EXPECT SIMILAR MOVES IN FUTURE TO EXTEND IT TO OTHER SECRETARIAT UNITS. UN PROGRAM BUDGET IS NOW QTE EXECUTIVE UNQTE IN CHARACTER. SYG AT PRESENT HAS AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE WHOMEVER HE CHOOSES TO PRESENT AND DEFEND HIS PROGRAM BUDGET PROPOSALS IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. IN PAST, EXECUTIVE HEADS ON CASE-

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BY-CASE BASIS OF UNCTAD, UNIDO, REGIONAL COMMISSIONS,

ETC. HAVE APPEARED IN COMMITTEE AT INVITATION OF SYG; HOWEVER, USGY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED SYG'S PRIMARY SPOKESMAN, AND AS SUCH HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER OTHER WITNESSES TO ENSURE THAT THEY SUPPORT SYG'S PROPOSALS AND THAT SECRETARIAT SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IN FIFTH COMMITTEE LAST YEAR ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO NOT ONLY RESTORE PROGRAM BUDGET REDUCTIONS IN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDED BY ACABQ, BUT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES IN ADDITION TO WHAT WAS PROPOSED BY SYG FOR 1976-77 BIENNIAL. IF SUCH SPECIAL PLEADING IS NOT TO BECOME THE ORDER OF THE DAY IN FIFTH COMMITTEE, USDEL IN CONCERT WITH OTHER DELS SUCH AS FRG, UK, AND JAPAN SHOULD MAKE ALL OUT EFFORT TO REMOVE PARA 3 FROM DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. WE CONSIDER PARA 6 OF G-77 DRAFT ALSO UNDESIRABLE SINCE INTENT IN CALLING FOR STRENGTHENING UNQTE REGIONAL COMMISSION SECRETARIATS CLEARLY APPEARS TO BE TO GET ECOSOC ENDORSEMENT NOW FOR SUBSEQUENT SECRETARIAT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR COMMISSIONS. PAST UN EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT TERM QTE STRENGTHENING UNQTE TAKES ON THIS MEANING. FURTHERMORE, THIS PRECLUDES SECRETARIAT FROM PROPOSING RE-LOCATION OF EXISTING RESOURCES, ELIMINATING NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES, ETC. IN SUM, RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR QTE STRENGTHENING UNQTE RESULT IN REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO CARRY OUT NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. FACT THAT SUCH A REQUEST TO SYG WAS PREVIOUSLY ENDORSED BY ECOSOC OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY WOULD MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR UNGA TO EVALUATE PROPOSALS ON THEIR OWN MERIT AND TO AFFECT PREDICTIONS WHERE NECESSARY. IF PARA 6 CANNOT BE DELETED, WE SUGGEST LANGUAGE BE LIMITED TO CALLING ON SYG TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO ECOSOC ON MEANS BY WHICH REGIONAL COMMISSIONS CAN BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE IN PROMOTING COOPERATION, ETC.

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